

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Phillippe Signore on 9/30/08.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 74-84 have been canceled.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 43-73 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In claim 1 applicant has claimed a device for measuring electrical activity comprised of a planar substrate having well openings and two substantially planar plates placed on either side of the substrate to close the openings in the substrate and form a chamber. The two planar plates each have at least one channel that connects the chamber to outside of the device (and provides the only connection to outside the chamber) ***as well as at least one electrode facing the opening/chamber in the***

**substrate.** The Examiner considers Malin et al. (5,643,742) or Nisch et al. (6,989,089) to be the closest prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DWAYNE K. HANDY whose telephone number is (571)272-1259. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jill Warden can be reached on (571)-272-1267. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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